

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 - 15 in their entirety and without prejudice and substitute
the following new claims:

1 --16. An embedded system adapted to cooperate with a network through a
 2 terminal, comprising a chip having an information processor and a memory for
 3 information storage,

4 - said memory storing at least one object file containing information associated
 5 with an object located in the network and making it possible to create an instance of this
 6 object;

7 - a first network interface adapted to cooperate with a second matching network
 8 interface located in the terminal, so that the embedded system constitutes an
 9 information server in the network; and

10 - a third object file interface for establishing correspondence between information
 11 passing through the first network interface and assigned to at least said object file, and
 12 information exchanged with said object file.

13 17. An embedded system according to claim 16, wherein the object file
 14 comprises a piece of autonomous software executable in browser software.

15 18. An embedded system according to claim 16, wherein said first network
 16 interface means adapted to cooperate with the matching network interface means
 17 located in the terminal, such that the embedded system behaves like a client capable of
 18 connecting to at least one server of the network.

19 19. A method for instantiating an object located in a network, characterized in
 20 that it uses an embedded system adapted to cooperate with a network through a
 21 terminal, comprising a chip having an information processor and a memory for
 22 information storage, the embedded system storing at least one object file containing
 23 information associated with an object located in the network for creating an instance of
 24 said object, and further comprising a first network interface designed to cooperate with
 25 a second matching network interface located in the terminal, such that the embedded
 26 system constitutes an information server in the network, and a third object file interface

1 adapted to establish a correspondence between information passing through the first
 2 network interface means and assigned to at least said object file, and information
 3 exchanged with said object file, the method comprising the steps

- 4 - establishing a list of the agents implemented; and
- 5 - for each agent, defining call arguments necessary to the agent so as to
- 6 describe a set of sessions between agents using an object file,.

1 20. A method according to claim 19, further comprising describing the
 2 opening of a session with another agent by a call argument.

1 21. A method according to claim 19 further comprising modifying the list of
 2 arguments used by a first agent by another agent.

1 22. A method for instantiating an object located in a network, characterized in
 2 that it uses an embedded system designed to cooperate with a network through a
 3 terminal, comprising a chip having an information processor and a memory for
 4 information storage, the embedded system storing at least one object file containing
 5 information associated with an object located in the network and for creating an
 6 instance of said object, and further comprising a first network interface designed to
 7 cooperate with a second matching network interface located in the terminal, such that
 8 the embedded system constitutes an information server in the network, and a third
 9 object file interface adapted to establish a correspondence between information
 10 passing through the first network interface and assigned to at least said object file and
 11 information exchanged with said object file, the method comprising the steps of:

- 12 - identification of an object file; and
- 13 - execution of this object file so as to implement sessions between agents
- 14 described by an object file executed from the information server of the embedded
- 15 system..

1 23. A method according to claim 22, wherein the object file is executed by

1 instantiating the first agent associated with the object file.

1 24. A method according to claim 22, wherein the object file is executed by
2 instantiating one or more agents referenced by the object file.

1 25. A method for instantiating an object located in a network, characterized in
2 that it uses an embedded system adapted to cooperate with a network through a
3 terminal, comprising a chip having an information processor and a memory for
4 information storage, the embedded system storing at least one object file containing
5 information associated with an object located in a network and for creating an instance
6 of said object, and further comprising a first network interface designed to cooperate
7 with a second matching network interface located in the terminal, such that the
8 embedded system constitutes an information server in the network, and a third object
9 file interface adapted to establish a correspondence between information passing
10 through the first network interface means and assigned to at least said object file and
11 information exchanged with said object file, the method comprising the steps of:

12 - loading an object file and a specific software capable of implementing it by
13 browser software; and

14 - execution of the specific software by the browser software so as to implement
15 sessions between agents described by an object file executed from browser software..

1 26. A method according to claim 25, wherein the specific software is
2 embodied in an interpreted language executable by the browser software.

1 27. A method according to claim 25, wherein an object file interpreter is
2 embodied in the browser software.

1 28. A method for instantiating an object located in a network, characterized in
2 that it uses an embedded system adapted to cooperate with a network through a
3 terminal, comprising a chip having an information processor and a memory for

1 information storage, the embedded system storing at least one object file containing
2 information associated with an object located in the network for creating an instance of
3 said object, and further comprising a first network interface adapted to cooperate with a
4 second matching network interface located in the terminal, such that the embedded
5 system constitutes an information server in the network, and an object file interface
6 adapted to establish a correspondence between information passing through the first
7 network interface means and assigned to at least said object file, and information
8 exchanged with said object file, the method comprising the step of identifying, by
9 means of a universal resource identifier, a specific software implementing the browser
10 software so as to enable the embedded system to implement sessions between agents
11 described by an object file executed from browser software.

1 29. A method according to claim 28, wherein a universal resource identifier is
2 integrated into a hypertext document.

1 30. A method according to claim 28, wherein said specific software is loaded
2 by a method available in the browser software and deduced from the universal resource
3 identifier. ✓
